Acquisition of Vessels by SCI

463. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) proposes to acquire vessels;

(b) if so, the number of vessels proposed to be acquired by SCI;

(c) the cost of these vessels;

(d) the countries from which these vessels are proposed to be acquired; and

(e) the steps taken by SCI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) is in the process of acquiring 8 (eight) vessles.

(c) to (e) The cost of 8 vessels which are under construction at various shipyards alongwith the country's name are as under:

(i) 4 Nos. Aframax Tankers of! 10,000 DWT each at a cost of US $ 35.76 millfon per vessel from Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea.

(ii) 1 No. LR-II Size Crude Oil Tanker of 93,000 DWT at a cost of US $ 34.40 million from Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin.

(iii) 3 Nos. Bollard Pull Tugs of 50 T each at a total cost of Rs.8.20 crore US $ 1.90 million per nig from ABG Shipyard, Mumbai.

The SCI is making all efforts to acquire/place orders for more vessels as per their requirement and in the light of the target fixed for the Ninth Plan.

Sale of wakf land to private party by Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board

464. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board has sold 2700 acres of wakf land to a private party for setting up a power plant in Vizag or at any other place in the State;

(b) if so, what is the total consideration received by the Board for sale of the land;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh Government also received 30 per cent of the amount for negotiating the deal; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MlNISTFrtOF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No. Sir. However, an area of 1,293.57 acres (767.74 acres of I nam land and 525.83 acres of area declared as Government land) has been handed over lo National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. (HNPCL) by way of acquisition under the provisions of Land acquisition Act and alienation by the District Collector, Vishakhapalnam in Andhra Pradesh.

(b), (c) & (d) In respect of 767.74 acres of I nam land, compensation amounting lo Rs.3.1 7,46,312 has been deposited in the District Court, Vishakhapalnam under Section 30 & 31 of the Land Acquisition Act. In respect of the Government land, the following arrangement has been made by the State Government for apportionment of ihe market value fixed 117 Rs. 2.25 lakh per acre;

(i) 30% of the amount shall be credited to the Government account;

(ii) 35% of the amount shall be paid to the Wakf Board; and

(iii) 35%^ of the amount shall be paid to the occupants/encroachcrs, if any.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs.2,08,59,300 has been so far to the Wakf Board as compensation for 264.8 acres out of 525.83 acres of Government land.

Scheme to liberate and rehabilitate scavengers

465. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will Ihe Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme to liberate and rehabilitate scavengers and their dependents is facing financial crunch;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what amount was released by Government towards this scheme during the last three years;

(d) whether any fresh proposal has been mooted by Government in this regard where involvement of NGOs has been sought; and